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1. ON 24 JULY 1969 ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE SENT BOOK MESSAGE TO ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS REPEATING FULL TEXT OF SECRET WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM PROVIDING IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EFFECTING 10% CUT.

2. IN LIEU SEPARATE DIRECTIVE FOR INTEL COMMUNITY PER REF, MEMORANDUM CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: QUOTE X DEFENSE AND CIA WILL TOGETHER PREPARE PLANS FOR THE REDUCTION IN INTEL COMMUNITY PERSONNEL, SUBMITTING THESE PLANS FOR REVIEW BY THE UNDER ~~SECRETARIES~~ SECRETARIES COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES FOR INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD AND THE OBJECTIVE OF A REDUCTION OF 10% IN OVERSEAS PERSONNEL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CAUSE THE LEAST POSSIBLE LOSS OF ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE NEEDED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

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PURPOSES. END QUOTE

3. DIRECTION OF OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION IS IN HANDS OF UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE WHICH MUST REPORT COMPLETE REDUCTION PLAN TO WHITE HOUSE BY 30 SEPTEMBER 1969. ~~EXHIBIT~~ BUREAU OF BUDGET WILL SUPERVISE EXECUTION WHICH IS TO START SOONEST AND MUST BE ~~ACCOMPLISHED~~ ^{ACCOMPLISHED} BY 30 JUNE 1970.

4. FOLLOWING PARAS OF STATE BOOK MESSAGE SET FORTH MANNER OF ARRIVING AT REDUCTION:

QUOTE WHILE THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE WHICH I CHAIR HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING THIS REDUCTION, A WORKING GROUP HEADED BY MY REPRESENTATIVE AND INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AGENCIES TOGETHER WITH A COMMITTEE STAFF WILL CARRY OUT THE PRELIMINARY WORK.

GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE REDUCTION AND THE FACT THAT THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE MUST REPORT

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BY SEPTEMBER 30, PRELIMINARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKING OUT THE REDUCTIONS SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF THE WORKING GROUP AND ULTIMATELY OF THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE, RESTS WITH AGENCIES CONCERNED. IN THE CASE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REGIONAL BUREAUS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES WILL WORK OUT THEIR REDUCTIONS AND REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THEM BEFORE REPORTING THEM TO THE COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS OF OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTING A VITAL POLICY OBJECTIVE OR PROGRAM WILL BE CLEARED HERE WITH THE APPLICABLE REGIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WHO, IN MANY CASES, WILL NEED TO CONSULT WITH YOU. END QUOTE

5. SINCE BOTH STATE DEPARTMENT AND INTEL COMMUNITY WILL PREPARE REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS AT RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS LEVELS, THERE SHOULD BE NO REQUIREMENTS FOR STATION CHIEFS TO

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CONTRIBUTE TO FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CUT. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ADVISE AMBASSADORS THAT YOU AWARE MANNER IN WHICH REDUCTION PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED.

6. MECHANICS FOR WORKING GROUP AND EMB COORDINATED HANDLING OF EVENTUAL FIELD CONSULTATIONS NOT YET ESTABLISHED. WILL ADVISE WHEN PROCEDURE FIRM.

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